

O'Brien Joseph J Jr
Form 4
March 27, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
O'Brien Joseph J Jr

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
[SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SANDY SPRING BANCORP,
INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/25/2009

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

(Street)
OLNEY, MD 20832

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	03/25/2009		A	5,121	A \$ 0	5,121	D <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock						251	D
Common Stock						499	D <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock						1,000	D <u>(3)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.59					07/23/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 07/23/2014	Common Stock	2,500
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 03/26/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.44					12/19/2008 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/19/2014	Common Stock	1,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
O'Brien Joseph J Jr SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr.
O'Brien 03/27/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years.
- (2) Restricted Stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plans vests ratably on the anniversary of the grant date over three years.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on December 13, 2007.
- (4) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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